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This reference is a publication of a counterpart Japanese patent application of U.S. Patent No.5,271,620.

2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No.Hei.6-23070

This reference is a publication of a counterpart Japanese patent application of U.S. Patent No.5,386,996.

3. Japanese Unexamined Utility Model Publication No.Sho.59-22167

Fig. 1 shows a perspective exploded view of a golf club head.

4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No.Hei.9-173509

An English abstract provided by EPO is provided herewith.

5. U.S. 2003/0092506 A1

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6. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No.2003-79768

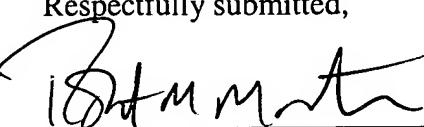
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